

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph in place of the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 20, of the specification:

Q1 In operation, a plurality of chassis 104 are stacked in an equipment frame 101 as shown in FIGURE 1A. FIGURES 1B, 2A, and 2B show the stacking of the plurality of chassis 104 without equipment frame 101. At least one vent 116 is formed in each chassis 104 to allow air to enter the chassis 104 to cool telecommunications equipment 102 contained in chassis 104. Chassis 104 is stacked upon one another in the frame 101 with a gap 150 less than 1.75 inches, and may be stacked with a substantially zero gap. As mentioned previously, the smaller the gap, the greater the space saved. Either natural convection ambient air or forced air enters vents 116 to cool telecommunications equipment 102 and chassis 104, and the heated air exits exhaust vents 120, which are contained in this embodiment in either sides 112, first end 108, second end 110, or top 106. Alternatively, if a single chassis 104 is used, such as shown in FIGURE 2A or 2B, then chassis 104 is normally placed upon support 122 with a substantially zero gap 150 between base 114 and support 122. In this case, vents 116 allow air to enter chassis 104 to cool telecommunications equipment 102. Heated air exits exhaust vents 120 as described above.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In FIGURE 1A, please add reference numeral 101 to show the equipment frame described in the specification;

In FIGURE 1A, please add reference numeral 150 to indicate a gap described in the specification.

In FIGURE 1B, please add reference numeral 150 to indicate a gap described in the specification.

In FIGURE 2A, please add reference numeral 150 to indicate a gap described in the specification.

In FIGURE 2B, please add reference numeral 150 to indicate a gap described in the specification.

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please refer to any attached sheets showing a marked up version of any amendments to the specification and claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A system for housing telecommunications equipment, comprising:

a plurality of vertically disposed chassis housing the telecommunications equipment, each chassis having a top that is substantially closed, first and second sides, first and second ends, and a base, wherein the top of each chassis is adapted to receive the base of an adjacent chassis;

at least one vent formed in each chassis adjacent the base, wherein the vent is operable to allow air to enter the chassis; and

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wherein the vent is disposed between the base and a portion of the chassis selected from the group consisting of the first side, the second side, the first end, and the second end, and wherein the vent is nonplanar in relation to the portion, wherein the vent is a notched vent member coupled to the base and the portion.

2. (Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one set of adjacent chassis in the plurality of vertically disposed chassis are separated by a gap that is less than 1.75 inches.